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In the wake of the ice storm

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The storm that swept through southern Ontario on Thursday brought mixed precipitation, and hours of freezing rain in a broad swath across the GTA, north to Barrie and Orillia.

Reports of trees and power lines down began coming in on Thursday evening, March 24, with some roads blocked and traffic lights out in both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, and local utilities Hydro One, PowerStream and InnPower Services all reporting outages.

Outages continued on Friday, March 25, as winds gusting up to 50 km/h brought down more tree limbs, snapping under the weight of up to 20-25 mm of ice.

"At one point we were close to having all of our customers without service. We had a loss of supply," said InnPower VP of Corporate Services, Shannon Brown. "The ice storm obviously caused a lot of damage. The crews have been working since Thursday, when the outage began."

By Friday night, an estimated 70% of InnPower customers in Innisfil and South Barrie had had their power restored, with isolated pockets remaining where downed poles, wires, and damaged transformers were reported.

"We're hopeful to have a large percentage repaired today," Brown said on Saturday, but

some of the damage will take days to repair, while homeowners who have experienced damage to their private lines and masts will have to call in private electricians before service can be restored.

InnPower worked closely with the Town of Innisfil, opening "warming centres", at the Lakeshore Public Library and Cookstown Fire Station, where residents without heat or power could stay during the outage.

Brown also had a warning. "We still have trees full of ice. There's still a chance there will be more trees down" - resulting in more outages in the Town of Innisfil.

In Bradford West Gwillimbury, PowerStream reported widespread power outages within the urban area of Bradford. On Thursday night, approximately 6,800 Bradford customers were without power - but service was entirely restored by 5:26 a.m. on Friday, with the exception of isolated equipment failures.

Hydro One reported 105,000 customers without power across the path of the storm, at the peak of the outage, and by Saturday morning had restored power to an estimated 62,000 customers. "We have a huge restoration underway," said spokesperson Ani Bekmezian, as 1,200 Hydro workers were deployed, responding to nearly 1,000 reported incidents.



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Town crews were out cleaning up fallen branches and trees in Bradford on March 26.

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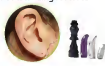
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"We are working through," Bekmezian said, with mutual aid from utilities in centres that included Midland, and Newmarket.

Among the worst-hit areas were Alliston, Bolton, Guelph, Orangeville, and Barrie.

Hydro One provides distribution service to the rural portions of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and had crews working to restore power, especially in the Bond Head area, and the neighbouring Town of New Tecumseth — but Bekmezian was unable to provide an estimated time for restoration of service for all of its rural customers.

"It really depends on where they live, the nature and extent of the damage," she said, noting that milder weather is causing some of the overhanging tree limbs to bounce back, affecting the wires and causing new problems. "It's basically a fight against Mother Nature."

She said that Hydro One was working as quickly as possible, through the long weekend, keeping safety in mind.



Branches down in ditches and on roads, in Alcona.



Tree down and fallen wires, blocking Park Road in Alcona.

Merger will create Ontario's second largest hydro distribution company

Hamilton — A merger in the Power Distribution sector will lead to the creation of the second largest electricity distribution company in Ontario.

PowerStream Inc., Enersource Corporation, and Horizon Utilities Corp. are looking to merge, and jointly purchase Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. from the Ontario government. The result will be a utilities company with nearly 1 million customers and a service territory of approximately 1800 km, stretching from Mississauga, Brampton and Hamilton, to Markham, Vaughan and Barrie.

The merger and the purchase, subject to regulatory approval by the Ontario Energy Board, will improve efficiency, and create economies of scale expected to reduce upward pressure on distribution rates.

The merger has been in the works since April 2015. The milestone legal agreement

was announced on March 24, when Ontario Energy Minister Bob Chisholm was joined by the mayors of the representative communities, including Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman, at Horizon Utilities in Hamilton for the official signing.

The Ontario government, on the recommendation of the 2015 Premier's Advisory Committee on Government Assets, is encouraging the consolidation of the electricity distribution sector. An OEB decision is expected to take at least six months.

"This merger puts us in a position to respond to our community needs — everything from handling emergencies, to the growth of the tech sector, to micro-grids and local generation — by virtue of its scale and ownership," said Mayor Lehman, who is a member of the PowerStream Board.

"This is a win-win for the

electricity ratepayers involved, as well as the municipalities in each of the communities," said Minister Chisholm. "It will result in the creation of an improved company that is better positioned to serve customers, an increase in dividends for municipal shareholders, and customers could benefit from downward pressure on electricity rates. I am pleased that each of the municipalities involved was able to recognize these benefits, and the value that this new company will bring to electricity consumers."

The town of Bradford is served by PowerStream, although the rural areas of Bradford West Gwillimbury are serviced by Hydro One. The Town of Innisfil still retains ownership of its Distribution Company, Innisfil, but is currently looking at a sale of 50% of shares to Edmonton-owned EPCOR.

Updating and improving the CIP programs

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury held two Statutory Public Meetings on March 15, to consider proposed changes to the Community Improvement Plans for both Downtown Bradford, and the town's industrial parks on Reagens and Artesian Parkways.

The changes come in the wake of relatively low uptake of the grants and incentives offered by the municipality – which include grants offsetting municipal and county development charges, building/planning fees, and incentives for renovations and facade improvements. There have also been complaints that the application process is cumbersome, confusing, and restrictive.

Paul Pirri, program co-ordinator at the Office of Economic Development and CIP facilitator, consulted with property owners in all CIP Areas, and at the meeting, proposed a number of changes.

The first was a "reset" of the CIP programs. Introduced in 2011, the incentives started at 100% of eligible costs in the

first year, but decreased to 0% over the five years of the program, in an effort to encourage rapid uptake. By resetting the programs to run from 2016 to 2020, the grants available will go back to 100% for the first two years of the adjusted program, then drop to 50% for the next two years.

Other changes to the Industrial CIP include increasing the tax-based redevelopment grant program (that offsets taxes resulting from construction or expansion) from 75% to 100%, of the period of the grant, and allowing some projects to combine both DC and tax-based grants.

The change reflects a desire to encourage expansion projects. Under the original program, the first 50% of an expansion was not eligible for the DC rebate; under the revised program, some projects will be allowed to use the tax-based grant to offset taxes on that disallowed 50%.

The revisions also include an interest-free loan program of up to \$50,000, and the addition of four properties to the Artesian CIP Area.

The Downtown CIP program was also reset, the boundaries expanded to add

a property on Dissette St., the guidelines simplified, and the funding minimums and maximums adjusted - increasing the maximum building and planning permit fee grant from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and reducing the minimum Facade Improvement application to \$2,000, to cover improvements to signage.

The County is aware of the changes and has no objections, Pirri told council, but the municipality is still waiting for comments from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Councillor Gary Baynes suggested that the boundaries of the CIP should be extended further south, to include the Bradford Curling Club. The privately-owned club, located adjacent to the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, recently undertook facade improvements and repairs, and is in need of renovations to improve accessibility, but is not eligible for grants because it is outside the CIP Area.

"There's only so much money for the CIP area," warned Deputy Mayor James Leduc. "I don't want to push the boundaries all over the

place." Leduc suggested that in three or four years time, the town could revisit the boundaries, but "at this point in time, that's where I'd like to see it right now."

Mayor Rob Keffer was also concerned about financial implications, asking for a financial analysis of the impact of several large proposals now in the works.

The comments were referred back to staff; the revisions will come back to council at a future date.

The 2016 grant budget sits at \$350,000. "At this time, we're not considering a budget increase," Pirri said later, noting that the proposed Seniors Accommodation CIP will have its own budget, set by council.

He noted that the Downtown CIP programs are open to both property owners, and to tenant businesses, with the permission of the property owner. "I think what we're changing will enable individuals who were precluded from applying, to be able to apply."

Anyone interested in applying for grants or wanting to comment on the proposed changes, is asked to contact Pirri at the the Office of Economic Development.

Easter Egg Hunt!



SUBMITTED PHOTO:

MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan and son John Aleksander dropped by Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery for Easter flowers and the annual Good Friday Easter Egg hunt, March 25. While the adults enjoyed the spring blooms, children hunted for chocolate eggs among the plants and decor items. The event was free, but donations of non-perishable food for the local Food Bank were welcomed.

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Point of View

Reserving judgement

The honeymoon with the Trudeau Liberal government seems to be continuing - although the introduction of the government's first budget, with a projected \$29.4 billion deficit, may be shaking the relationship.

There is more money for veterans - reopening offices closed by the Harper Conservatives and hiring additional caseworkers; for seniors; for the CBC, to stop attrition at the country's national news agency. There is funding for innovation and infrastructure, including Green Initiatives; money for health care; a 50% increase in student grants.

A new Canada Child Benefit will replace the existing Canada Child Tax Benefit, National Child Benefit, and Universal Child Care Benefit - providing more tax relief to middle and low income families, but eliminating benefits for families that earn over \$150,000, and cancelling the Art and Fitness Child Tax Credits.

There is \$8.4 billion earmarked for aboriginal communities, for education, water infrastructure and child and family services - but the funding is allocated over the next five years, extending beyond the mandate of this government. First Nations activist and advocate Cindy Blackstock had hoped to see \$200 million allocated for child and family services immediately, to fill the gaps and offer an immediate solution to the high rates of Child Apprehension seen

on First Nations reserves and lack of support services for families; instead the Liberal government is allocating \$71 million this year, \$99 million next year, with increasing investment later in the program.

There is new money for initiatives to battle homelessness, and funding available to Canada Mortgage and Housing will double, but there is no National Housing Policy.

And small business, long a source of job creation, has little to celebrate - with the cancellation of a promised tax cut, and elimination of the hiring credit.

For the most part, though, Canadians are taking a "wait and see" attitude. The Liberals have called this year's budget an investment in the future; Canadians want to see if the funding will kickstart the economy and create jobs. They want to see what the impact will be on their own lives.

There is also a sense that it may take time to introduce some promised programs - time to consult, to create new frameworks, to collect the data needed to make science-based decisions: the Liberals have announced that they are bringing back the long-form census.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau concluded his budget speech by saying, "This is only the beginning. Today we have taken some big steps on a long journey. We have much work ahead of us."

We'll see if they can get the job done.

Easter Egg-stravaganza



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The Elman W. Campbell Museum in Newmarket hosted its annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza for kids, with egg-decorating, games, a Scavenger Hunt and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. On March 28, kids were also invited to enjoy Easter treats, from mini-cupcakes to cookies, as parents, grandparents and caregivers looked on. Aaradhya, 3, enjoyed the Easter Egg-stravaganza.

Letters to the Editor

THEY'LL FIGURE IT OUT

To the editor: I typically love Canadians' reaction and response to American politics.

"The people speak" point of view was no exception. I even agreed with some major points, but my issue was with the 'Canadian take' in trying to define the current U.S. political landscape. Trying to make sense of American politics looking through a Canadian lens blurs the view. The comparison between Trump and Hitler was hyperbolic, at best, an attention-getter, and at worst, logically fallacious.

The opinion seems to suggest millions of Americans have suddenly and collectively lost their minds. They haven't. They are angry. Angry with years of divisive leadership and inaction, as you suggest, but they use that displeasure to vote as a Democracy guarantees. You may disagree, you may be horrified, and you may be scared, but this remains the reality.

We are two very different countries, even though we share a long undefended border, media, products and a host of common social elements. What we do not share is a common history of formation. America was borne of Revolution, culminating in an independent and bloody severance from Britain. For Canada, leaving Britain was like moving into your parents' basement, and then extolling the virtues of your independence.

As Canadians, we can speak out all we want, jump up and down, protest, and even vent opinions. At the end of the day, it will still be none of our business. We consistently blame America for being into the world's business, but can't help ourselves when it comes to their business. There are 319 million of them in a democracy. They'll figure it out.

ROBERT J. WAGSTAFF
BRADFORD

ICE STORM THINGS

To the editor: I love living in Bond Head! In the aftermath of the ice storm, a gang of roving neighbours went from house to house to clean up the debris. People showed up with chainsaws and work gloves and continued to the point of exhaustion. On Day 3 they came to our house! It is amazing how fast a group of motivated people can work, and what they can accomplish.

While many people helped out over the weekend, we would like to acknowledge the ones who were at our house on Sunday. Many thanks go to Angelo Rosso, Frank Surawick, Roger, Diane and Andrew Reynolds, Calvin Adams, David Donaldson, Evie Frisby and Sean Quinlan. Cheers!

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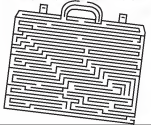
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Meetings & Announcements

Town Council

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at bradfordwestgwillimbury.civicweb.net

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tues. Apr. 5 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Board/Committee

Heritage Committee

• Mon. Apr. 4 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Engineering Services
305 Barrie St., Boardroom

Downtown Revitalization

• Wed. Apr. 6 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Proclamations

• **World Autism Awareness Day – April 4, 2016**
Flag raising: Sat. Apr. 2 @ 11:00 a.m.
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Request for Tender: #T-16-26C

BFSC Refrigeration Plant Upgrades
Closing: Apr. 14, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Request for Tender: #T-16-24C

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Closing: Apr. 18, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

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• 2016-LE03 - Leisure Ideas & Marketing Coordinator
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• 2016-GT03 - GIS Technician
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Spring Flushing Update

Each spring, water is run at every hydrant in BWG to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers. This program will run weekdays between 9 am and 4 pm until the end of April.

For specific dates and locations, please see www.facebook.com/townofbwg

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You are invited to attend a **Community Access Network** meeting to ask questions and share ideas with members of Council, to help chart the direction of BWG.

Wards 1 & 3:

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Danube Seniors Centre - 715 Simcoe Road

Meetings for other wards will be announced soon.
For more information visit www.townofbwg/CAN

Events & Activities

BWG's Community Clean up Day
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If you pay your property tax bill through a bank (at the branch, at an ATM, through your mortgage, or using online or telephone banking), you will need to ensure your payment now references your Roll Number. Your bank's customer service department can assist you with any required technical support.

If you view or pay your bill online through the Town of BWVG eCommerce site, CONTINUE to use eCommerce for now, but WATCH for more information about the new Virtual City Hall online interface coming Summer 2016!

➡ To learn more:

- visit our website at www.townofbwg.com/MyBills
- more details will be provided as available right here in BWG This Week

FINAL WEEK of overnight on-street parking restrictions.



On-street parking is prohibited from December 1 to April 1 of every year between the hours of 2:00-6:00 a.m.

Violators may be ticketed or towed. Vehicles may not park blocking any portion of the sidewalk.

Town of BWVG By-law 2014-93 as amended

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Voicemails are forwarded to officers on duty.



The Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library is accepting applications for a

SUMMER PROGRAMMER

Under the supervision of the Children's Services Librarian, the Summer Programmer will be a key member of the Children's Services team who will assist in the design and delivery of summer programs for children and teens. This is a 14 week contract, beginning May 24, 2016 and finishing August 26, 2016. This position is 35 hours per week and includes evening and weekend shifts. The rate for this position is \$16 per hour. **PLEASE NOTE:** that in order to qualify, you must be a full-time student intending to return to full-time studies in the autumn AND be prepared, or have already registered, in the **Young Canada Works** online candidate inventory. For complete details, visit our website at www.bradford.library.on.ca/?p=12275

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County draws on reserve to cover funding shortfall

Midhurst - The County of Simcoe will be dipping into its reserves, to meet a shortfall in funding for the four long-term care facilities that operates.

The county was notified by the province that funding for the Georgian Manor in Penetang-shushene, Simcoe Manor in Beeton, Sunset Manor in Collingwood, and Trillium Manor in Orillia would be reduced by \$340,000 for 2016 - despite long waiting lists for beds, a growing senior population, and increasing complexity of care for aging residents.

County council voted to implement operational cost reductions predicted to save \$120,000 per year, without impacting the quality of care - and rather than make cuts to nursing and personal care staff, voted to take \$220,000 from reserves.

"Having to overcome provincial funding shortfalls through a municipal budget places strain on our ability to effectively manage services, but none-the-less, the County of Simcoe is stepping up to the plate in the inter-

est of resident care," said County Warden Gerry Marshall. "Our council discussed a number of options and ultimately made a decision to provide additional funds from reserve for 2016, further supplementing long term care in our region.

"This is the right thing to do for our long term care residents and staff as we strive to maintain our high standards of care in such a regulated sector of health care."

Marshall pointed out that those in long term care are among the most vulnerable of Ontario's residents, and called on the Ontario government "to come up with better funding models in this ever-growing sector."

As an example, funding from the province for nutrition in long term care facilities comes to only \$8.03 per day, to provide three meals, three beverages and two snacks a day for each resident.

All four of the county's long term care homes have been awarded the highest "Exemplary Standing" from Accreditation Canada - and have a total of 1,196 names on waiting lists.

W.I. Workshop... Repurpose junk!

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute hosts an informative Workshop at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Valerie Boucher will give a talk and a demonstration on "Repurposed Junk for your

front entrance, garden and home!" Free for Women's Institute members. \$10 for non-members. Please register in advance by contacting Glady at 905-778-0319. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Community Clean-Up Day

The snow has melted... revealing drifts of trash and litter along roadsides and ditches. Make a difference by participating in the Spring BWG Community Clean-Up event, taking place Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants will meet at the Bradford & District Community Centre at 125 Simcoe Road at 9 a.m., to board school buses and head out to pick-up unsightly litter on local streets, parks and open areas - before returning to the Community Centre for a free pizza lunch. Gloves, reflective vests and garbage bags will be provided.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and help make our town beautiful," said manager of parks and property, Mike O'Hare, noting that it is also a perfect opportunity for high school students to earn their community hours.

"Students looking to fulfill their community service

hours for high school graduation purposes are welcome to participate, and... have their credit forms signed at the end of the day."

For more information, or to pre-register for the annual BWG Community Clean-Up, contact O'Hare at 905-775-5359 ext. 5201 or email mohare@townofbwg.com

Hydro One appoints new Ombudsman

Problems with Hydro One bill, and wondering where to turn for help?

The new Hydro One Ombudsman, Fiona Clean, opened her office on March 14, to provide Hydro One's 1.3 million customers with "a confidential, impartial and independent review of their complaint." It's part of a new focus on customer service.

Customers can call 1-855-608-8756 or visit hydroombudsman.com for more information on filing a complaint.

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Wanted...Trail Blazers, Watershed Champs for the Run for the Trails

The 3rd annual Friends of Scanlon Creek Run for the Trails will be taking place on October 22, 2016 - a long, long way off, before runners can sign up for a 1K tot trot, 3K kids' run/walk, or 7K trail Run/Walk.

But organizers need to get started now, to find the sponsors and supporters needed to make the annual event a success.

The goal is to raise at least \$10,000 through the Run for the Trails, money that will be used to develop accessible trails for all ages and abilities, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, located off the 9th Line of BWW, north of Bradford.

Sponsorship opportunities start at \$250, and include recognition - on the Friends of Scanlon Facebook page, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation website, and in promotional material, on Race t-shirts, posters and banners.

Levels of sponsorship include:

Trail Blazer - \$250. Includes company name placement on the awards table banner and all refreshment stands, Facebook and website recognition, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Woodland Hero

\$500. Company name/logo on Race t-shirts, posters and promotional materials, banner at the awards table, Facebook/Website recognition, Certificate of appreciation, and 2 complimentary race entries.

Wetland Warrior

\$1000. Prominent placement of Company name/logo on race t-shirts, posters and promotional materials, start/finish line banner and awards table, 4 signs on the course, acknowledgement in all event media coverage and during awards ceremony, Certificate of Appreciation, and 4 complimentary race entries.

Watershed Champion

\$2500. Title sponsorship for your company, prominent Company name/logo on race t-shirts, posters and promotional materials, all banners and course signs, title listing in all event media coverage, company logo link on Facebook/website, Certificate of appreciation, and 6 complimentary race entries.

In addition, Run for the Trails also welcomes in-kind donations and materials. Sponsorships must be received by August 1, 2016, to have logos included in the promotional materials. For more information, or to sponsor this event visit LakesimcoeFoundation.ca and click on the Run for the Trails event link - or contact Ken Vogan, Chair of Friends of Scanlon, at FriendsOfScanlon@gmail.com or call the LSCF office, 905-895-1281, Attn. Judy Milner.

Furious pedalling, serious fundraising, and fun at the Inside Ride

MIRIAM KING Bradford Times

With names like Beanie Babies, Drama Team and Staff Superheroes, eight teams of riders at Bradford District High School participated in Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation's Inside Ride - a couple of hours of furious pedalling on stationary bikes, and serious fundraising.

Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation is dedicated to addressing childhood cancers, with 100% of funds raised going to improve survival rates and quality of life for kids with cancer, and their families. The money raised by cycling events that include the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride



Team Beanie Babies maintained a high energy level during the Inside Ride at Bradford District High School.

across Canada, the three-day Tour for Kids in Ontario, and Inside Rides, goes to support research, hospital programs, and kids' cancer camps.

The Bradford District High School Inside Ride, sponsored by the Student Council, raised approximately \$3,600 for Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation. Teams dressed up in costume, and not only

competed for Most Funds Raised, but Best Costumes and Best Spirit.

This was the 4th year that Bradford District has hosted the event, bringing the total raised over the four years to nearly \$20,000 - to assist the 10,000 Canadian children currently living with cancer, and the 1,700 new cases of child and adolescent cancer diagnosed in Canada each year.

It's the Arts...

The first-ever *Spring/Summer Arts and Crafts show* will be taking place at the Bradford & District Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road, this coming weekend. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, works by Ontario artists, artisans, crafts and vendors of unique gifts will be on display and for sale, at this exciting show. From fashions by local designers to artisanal chocolate and fresh-baked treats, paintings to pottery and hand-crafted jewellery, the show will offer shoppers a unique shopping experience, and a great way to welcome the spring. For more information, and a \$1 off coupon for admission, see www.spring2016.ca.

Inspired by Elvis! South Simcoe Theatre presents *All Shook Up*, a musical set in a

small town in the Midwest, in 1955 - featuring the music of Elvis Presley. Opening night is Thursday, April 7. On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, until April 24, with performances at

8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$23 each, available by calling the Box Office, 705-458-4432. For more information, see www.southsimcoetheatre.com.



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BOOK READING WITH FRANKIE FLOWERS: Frankie "Flowers" Ferragino presents his new book, *Food to Grow*, at the East Gwillimbury Civic Centre in Sharon, 7300 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for members of the East Gwillimbury Friends of the Library), available at the Holland Landing or Mount Abnash branches. Refreshments.

BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETS: At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St., W. in Bradford at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom. Presenting a film on the History of New Tecumseth, by the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society. This meeting is also the AGM; all members welcome.

SAT., APR. 2

WORLD AUTISM DAY FLAG-RAISING: Help raise the flag for Autism, increase awareness and support, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun. Over 100 artists, artisans, and unique gift vendors from BWG and across Ontario, in an outstanding show. See www.spring2life.ca

SPRING/LIFE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: April 2 and 3 at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun. Over 100 artists, artisans, and unique gift vendors from BWG and across Ontario, in an outstanding show. See www.spring2life.ca

SUPERHERO SATURDAY: Free Family Saturday at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games, crafts and activities for kids 3 and up, with adult supervision - free. Wear your favourite Superhero costume.

BEHIND THE MASK MASQUERADE: Charity Gala

raising funds for Eat Well to Excel, Simcoe County Nutrition Program for School-aged children. At Tangle Creek Golf Course, doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each, available at www.eatwelltoexcel.ca. For info, call Nicole Hawke, 705-795-7127.

SUN., APR. 3

BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE: Bradford Community Day fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, at Bradford's Underground Bowl, 1300 p.m. Sign up at www.bbsy.ca Get a team together, raise funds, and have fun!

MON., APR. 4

WORLD AUTISM DAY FLAG-RAISING: Increase awareness and support for Autism services, at the Innisfil Town Hall, 2301 Innisfil Beach Rd. at 11 a.m.

FRI., APR. 8

FRIENDS OF THE BWG LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE: Thousands of hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction, YA, Children's books, CDs and DVDs. Friday night is Preview Night, 7-9 p.m. - \$10 per donated book. Sale continues Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. free admission. A fundraiser for the Friends and their programs.

SAT., APR. 9

BWG COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP: Volunteers meet at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 9 a.m. Get on the buses,

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED?

SEND US YOUR INFO

Listings are published as space allows each week.

E-mail listings to barrie.news@sunmedia.ca. Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

and help pick up litter around Town - then come back for a free pizza lunch. Garbage bags, gloves provided. Pre-register at 905-775-5359 or mohane@townofwigo.com

PAUL RUMBOLT IN CONCERT: Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller presents The Craft of Songsmithing, at Bradford Public Library, 438 Park Ave. in Newmarket, in the Multipurpose Room, 2-3 p.m.

INTRO TO BUDDHISM: April 9 and 16 at the Newmarket Public Library, 438 Park Ave. in Newmarket, in the Multipurpose Room, 2-3 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Free. Find answers to important questions... Can I have puppy? Can I change my destiny? For info, contact spishnewmarket@gmail.com

BRITISH HOME CHILDREN: Lori Oscheleski is guest speaker at the Ontario Genealogical Society meeting, 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie. For info, see www.simcoebos.com

MON., APR. 11

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORT. SOC. MEETS: The Horticultural Society meets at the Churchill

Community Centre in Churchill on Yonge St., in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Members will talk about "Starting Seeds." All welcome. Refreshments.

TUES., APR. 12

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: Dr. John Dutcher, Canada Research Chair of Soft Matter and Biological Physics, University of Guelph, will talk about "How Bacteria Move." At the River Drive Park Community Centre, 2010 W. Ave. in River Drive Park (off the Queensville Rd. north of Holland Landing), 7:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church Basement, 167 Essex St. in Bradford. For more information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, www.al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS YORK-SIMCOE TOASTMASTERS: Meets every 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of the month, 7-9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., upstairs in the Multi-purpose room. All welcome. www.speakersuccess.org

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Love of the Lambs rescheduled

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF
Wishing Well Sanctuary had planned to host "Love of the Lambs" last Saturday, celebrating the one year anniversary of the opening of "Meadow" to the animal sanctuary - a smiling sheep, rescued from the slaughterhouse.

But the ice storm, fallen tree limbs and icy roads led to a postponement. Love of the Lambs is now scheduled for this Saturday, April 2, starting at 12:30 p.m. The event will include a Vegan potluck barbecue.

Guests are asked to meet at the Peace Pole, then head to the sheep paddock to feed the

sheep lunch, to be followed by a vegan barbecue. If you are bringing an item for the potluck, please ensure that it is Vegan (free of eggs, dairy or animal products). Veggie Burgers will also be available for \$5, but cold drinks for \$2. After the potluck, watch Wallace and Gromit in "A Close Shave", a delightful clay-animated story in which Wallace and Gromit rescue a flock of sheep, at the Wishing Centre.

Admission is \$15 per person, \$50 for a family of four, at the door. For details see www.wishingcentre.org or visit on Facebook to RSVP. The Sanctuary is located at 2710 Line 10 BWG.

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Mystic Drumz Adventure

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Services provided March Break fun for kids, including a wild musical adventure with Mystic Drumz, at the BWG Leisure Centre, on March 16. There was an educational aspect to it all: Kids learned that music is vibration; that a Djembe only works when the hole at the bottom is left open so that the air waves can escape; that an instrument called a 'Fextone' produces those boingy cartoon noises. But there was plenty of giggling, as percussionist Lorne Lampert made silly jokes, goofy faces, and got the kids up and "dancing like a chicken, hopping like a bunny and sounding like a cow," to the beat of the drums.



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Please join us in extending best wishes to Maxwell Brown, who is retiring from the South Simcoe Police Service after 32 years of proudly serving and protecting his community.

Max began his career on the Bradford Police Force in 1984. Through his career he held the role of Constable, Detective Constable in the CIB Unit, Traffic & Marine Officer, and Traffic & Re-Construction officer.

If you see Max, please be sure to stop and congratulate him on this well-deserved retirement on April 6th, 2016.

Congratulations Max!!

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Dear Mom/Gramma,
It has been 7 years since you left us. It doesn't seem possible that you have been gone that long. It feels like yesterday you were here with us, spending weekends at the cottage, baking, knitting, always putting our needs before your own. I think of you daily and miss you terribly. I will be forever grateful that you were my mother, my best friend. It is still such a struggle to walk in your shoes. I hope you and Dad are dancing to Glen Miller.

Love you always and forever.
Tell Dad we miss and love him too.
Till we meet again.
Love Marilyn, Chad and Chris.
R.S. Give Blackie a kiss for me.

Spring Arrivals Sunshine List

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The provincial Ministry of Finance has released its annual Sunshine List - the list of public sector employees who earned over \$100,000, in salaries and taxable benefits, in 2015.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury had 20 names on the list - with Town Chief Administrative Officer Geoff McKnight leading the way. He earned a salary of \$181,875.56, plus taxable benefits of \$8,766.46. Three other town department heads received over \$150,000 - treasurer Ian

Goodfellow (\$162,956.69 in salary, plus \$1,402.73 in taxable benefits), director of corporate services Rebecca Murphy (\$160,451.67 salary, plus \$1,308.06 in benefits), and director of development Anup Mukherjee (\$154,236.44 plus \$1,298.08). Close behind were Fire Chief Kevin Gallant (\$149,760.76 plus \$2,398.56 in benefits), and director of human resources Kobay Lobb (\$148,196.76 plus \$1,277.96).

The remainder earned between \$101,795.41 (Michael Disano, manager of economic development), and

\$125,001.29 (manager of capital projects Kharun Jung). The Town of Innisfil had 24 employees on the Sunshine List. Highest paid was CAO Jason Reynar (\$190,094.73 plus \$5,296.89 in taxable benefits). Andrew Campbell, Deputy CAO and town engineer, earned \$182,716.06 plus \$4,980 in benefits - and former CAO John Skrobobach earned \$175,655.28 plus \$5,405.97 for his new role as strategic advisor, leading the town through the process of creating Innis Services, a municipal corporation set up to handle Innisfil's

Water and Wastewater services and infrastructure.

Lockie Davis, Innisfil's treasurer and chief financial officer, earned \$148,912.40, with \$977.85 in taxable benefits. Fire Chief John Pegge - \$142,282.13 plus \$928.37, and chief librarian Susan Downs, \$141,935.85, plus \$926.70 in benefits. Others on the list ranged from \$100,364.39 (a full-time firefighter), to Chief Building Official Dan Rodgers, at \$130,937.33 plus \$831.48.

Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil share the amalgamated South Simcoe Police

Service - which had 70 names on the Sunshine List. Top paid: Sgt. John Chalmers, who was paid \$179,540.45 (including overtime) plus \$882.86 in taxable benefits; Chief Rick Beazley - \$176,762.88 plus \$16,372.26 in taxable benefits. Sgt. James Buchanan (\$163,106.26 plus \$928.31), Sgt. Sheryl Sutton (\$157,062.77 plus \$882.86), Sgt. Brad Reynolds (\$148,470.70 plus \$892.86), Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson (\$147,682.72 plus \$3,719.83), Sgt. Lewis Da Silva (\$147,747.91 plus \$928.15), Sgt. Craig Johnson (\$146,189.76 plus \$1,049.39),

Staff Sgt. Andy VanDyke (\$139,945 plus \$5,511.83) and Sgt. Sean Willan (\$136,924.06 plus \$940.32).

Inspector Tom McDonald, now retired, earned a total of \$154,702.12 in salary and benefits. Deputy Chief Andrew Fletcher who joined the staff in June, 2015, wasn't on the list - but will be in 2016.

In all, 115,431 employees on the public payroll made the 'Sunshine List'. The biggest group? The government of Ontario, which had 13,465 employees earning \$100,000 or more.

SCAM ALERT

South Simcoe - South Simcoe Police have received complaints of a new scam: callers who purport to be South Simcoe Police officers, demanding immediate payments and threatening arrest if payments are not made. Suspects have been using actual names of South Simcoe Police officers. The police do not act as a collection agency for any government department. Officers will never demand money. The scammers even use an app that causes the police service's actual phone number to come up on call display, but the call is a hoax. If you receive a call demanding immediate payment and making threats, hang up and contact police at 905-775-3311 or 705-435-2141 directly or 905-775-3311. A 23-year-old Bradford resident told police that he had been contacted on March 16 by a man claiming to be a bank inspector. He told her that \$1800 had been deposited into her account by mistake, and that he needed her to withdraw the funds and hand them over to him.

The woman was given instructions on how to do this, and got into a cab that was sent by the suspect. She made the withdrawal and returned home. The man called back and told the woman to walk to the corner of John St. East and Barrie St. to hand over the money, which she did, around 3 p.m. The man took the money, and walked away, towards Holland St. There is no description of the suspect; anyone who

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witnessed the transaction on Barrie St. on March 16, or who has been approached in a similar manner is asked to call South Simcoe Police, at 905-775-3311 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

Domestic assault

Innisfil - On March 22, a woman came to South Simcoe Police to report an assault that had occurred several years ago, when she was assaulted by her husband. They have since separated and are living apart. The man, a 48-year-old Barrie resident, was contacted by police, and turned himself in. He has been charged with domestic assault, and released on conditions to stay away from his victim while awaiting an April court date. Anyone in an abusive relationship can contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311 for assistance in making a report, and getting help.

Domestic Assault

Innisfil - On March 28, South Simcoe Police were called to a Gilford home. Officers were met by a man who told them that he had been assaulted by his wife. The man said his wife was drinking, and insulted his sister over the internet. When he confronted his spouse, she became enraged, striking him in the head with a fist and a cell phone. After he fled the house, she smashed the windshield of his truck, and dented the hood. A 28-year-old Gilford woman has been charged with Assault, Assault with a weapon, and Mischievous under \$5000. She has been ordered to

avoid the victim, and reside elsewhere while awaiting her May court date. The man did not require medical treatment.

Impaired Driving

Bradford - Just after 3 a.m. on March 27, South Simcoe Police responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. They located an 18-year-old Bradford woman who had driven her car into a parked vehicle after leaving a party. She was transported to hospital with minor injuries, and later charged with Impaired Driving. Court date in April.

Warn Range

Cookstown - A South Simcoe Traffic and Marine officer was enforcing the speed limit in Cookstown on March 26, when he stopped a sports car at around 8 p.m., and detected an odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver, a 31-year-old Orangeville woman, registered a WARN on a roadside screening device, and received a 3-day licence suspension - and a speeding ticket.

Drive Disqualified

Innisfil - A South Simcoe Police Sgt. stopped a speeding vehicle in Churchill, around 8:20 p.m. on March 25. A check revealed that the head of the list and a Barrie man, was in the middle of a 3-year suspension for a previous Impaired Driving conviction. The man was charged with Drive Disqualified and Speeding, and will appear in Criminal Court in May. His vehicle was impounded for 45 days.



Paul Rumbolt, singer, songwriter, storyteller, now lives in Bradford.

Paul Rumbolt in concert

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Bradford United Church is hosting a unique fundraising concert on Saturday, April 9 at the church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, at 7 p.m. Recording artist Paul Rumbolt will present "The Craft of Songsmithing" - an evening of great music and storytelling, and an inside look at the art of creating music.

Paul Rumbolt grew up in the small community of Woody Point in Newfoundland, surrounded by the strong musical tradition of the island, the Methodist Church, and his own family.

His grandfather, who he never met, was a renowned fiddler; Rumbolt's dad and

his brothers were gifted musicians.

Rumbolt himself has been playing "music all my life, since I was a teenager."

In the late 1980s, he went from singing traditional music to writing his own songs. "Folk music, folk religious music" - he ran the gamut, eventually travelling from coast to coast, crafting songs that reflected the people and places he met along the way.

"In 2002, I started playing full-time, and I did that for 9-10 years," he says, launching a career as a recording artist. His latest album is *Songsmithing*, revisiting the folk genre, in which he has his roots.

But he has another career: Rumbolt has been a United

Church of Canada Minister, for 22 years, and was formerly a Hospice Chaplain in Calgary. He points out that the Methodist Church, which became the United Church, has a "strong tradition of creativity."

He adds, "Music and spirituality - they're so intermingled, I can't separate them." And music, he says, "is who I am."

Rumbolt, who now resides in Bradford, will present an evening of original music and stories. "Not just the stories behind the songs, but the process of writing."

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